

New Castle County Workforce Housing Legislation

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DNREC is generally supportive of the concept, as long as the increased density occurs in designated growth areas identified in the certified Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and all environmental protections/regulations remain in force.

We note the deletion of apartments and other “alternative” housing styles from the revised ordinance. Not only does a diverse mix of housing, including multi-family, provide more affordable options for older and working Delawareans, the increased yield (along with exacting design standards) reduces the consumption of land caused by lower-density development and its impact on environmental resources. It also enables the county and state to provide infrastructure such as sewer, roads and transit more cost-effectively.